BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements May 28, 2020

Events

Old dog, new trick: Efficiency Exchange summer webinar series announced -

BPA, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, and the Council are excited to announce that the Efficiency Exchange 2020, or EFX20 conference is shifting to a virtual webinar series format. After making the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference planning team brainstormed ways to keep the conference connections going by sharing some of the compelling content planned for this year. Over the course of the summer months, several EFX20 sessions will be made available via webinar to offer educational presentations from panelists accompanied by lively, moderated discussions. The webinar series will provide a chance for the energy-efficiency community to come together discuss timely issues and interesting opportunities facing the Northwest.

More details and dates will be announced soon. Be sure to check the <u>EFX Website on</u> <u>Conduit</u> for more information.

Reminders

Hemp in the Energy Efficiency Program -

The 2018 Farm Bill removed hemp from the controlled substances list and retained USDA regulation of hemp production. USDA issued an interim rule governing production of industrial hemp on October 29, 2019. This rule requires states and tribal entities to submit a plan for USDA approval prior to implementation. Based on this change in the rules governing hemp, BPA will no longer exclude hemp and hemp associated load from our energy-efficiency program in states where such activities have received USDA approval.... More

